

April, 2019 Newsletter

Town of Berwyn Heights

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Dear Residents and Friends of Berwyn Heights:

Happy Spring! The flowers are blooming and the pollen is in the air! We are happy to report that we have a tentative budget for 2020! If you are interested in hearing more about the budget, please attend the May Town meeting.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, and/or comments regarding the budget and/or anything else, we encourage you to reach out to us or attend one of our work sessions or Town meetings.

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INTRODUCING THE "TREES OF DISTINCTION" CONTEST

To celebrate Arbor Day, we are accepting nominations of your favorite trees in Berwyn Heights through the month of April.

Categories include size and age, unusual growth habit or form, historical significance, and beauty.

We will celebrate the winners at Berwyn Heights Day, in the bulletin, and on the website. Nominators will also get an exciting prize!

Nominate a tree at bit.ly/BHTreesofDistinction!



Upcoming Events

April 28

Community Forum with School Board Chair Dr. Thornton, 2pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym

April 20

Town Cleanup, Town Center parking lot, 10 am

May 4

Berwyn Heights Day, All Day

Work sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm.

Town Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

If you care about our schools please consider volunteering for the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee by contacting Amanda Dewey at adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov.

No Plastic Bags in Your Recycling Bins

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Dear Residents,

We need your help keeping our recycling collection going! When recycling please do not place plastic bags in your designated containers. Prince George's County's Materials Recycling Facility does not accept plastic bags because they cause machinery malfunctions. They will not accept our recycling if we continue to include bags, which will result in an increased cost to the town. We ask that you place only loose recyclable items in your blue bins. **Effective Monday, April 15th, 2019**, failure to comply will result in progressive actions, to include rejection of loads, the issuing of a warnings and finally citations. We encourage you to recycle your plastic bags at local grocery stores and other participating retailers. For more information on acceptable and unacceptable items to recycle please [click here](#).



Estimados residentes,

¡Necesitamos su ayuda para mantener nuestra colección de reciclaje! Al reciclar, no coloque bolsas de plástico en los recipientes designados. La planta de reciclaje de materiales del condado de Prince George no acepta bolsas de plástico porque causan fallas en la maquinaria. No aceptarán nuestro reciclaje si continuamos incluyendo las bolsas, lo que resultará en un mayor costo para la ciudad. Le pedimos que solo coloque artículos reciclables sueltos en sus contenedores azules. **A partir del lunes 15 de abril de 2019**, el incumplimiento dará lugar a acciones progresivas que incluirán el rechazo de cargas, la emisión de advertencias y, finalmente, las citas. Aquellos que deseen reciclar sus bolsas de plástico pueden hacerlo en las tiendas de comestibles locales y en otras tiendas participantes. Para obtener más información sobre los elementos aceptables e inaceptables para reciclar, [haga clic aquí](#).

**Sat. May. 4th, ALL DAY - Sports Park /
Town Center**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fun Run!	Pancake Breakfast!	Parade!
Senior Bake Sale!	Kids Rides/Activities!	
Vendors!	Games!	Food!
Music!	&	More!

**CALLING ALL TOWN GROUPS AND LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Want to be in our BH Day Parade?
Enter your group's Float (or presentation)
for a chance at a CASH PRIZE!**

**Contact Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net
for more details!**

MDOT SHA to Hold four Public Workshops on Alternatives for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study in Montgomery County and Prince George's County

ANNAPOLIS, MD - The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will hold its next round of public workshops in April for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study, which considers improvements along two of the state's most congested highways: I-495 (Capital Beltway) and I-270 (Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Highway).

Multiple studies over the last decade have shown that the National Capital Region is one of the most congested in the nation, and Marylanders face the second highest commuting times in the country. On average, travelers navigate between 7 and 10 hours of daily traffic congestion on I-270 and I-495.

To address this congestion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) are completing the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study. This study aims to provide a solution that addresses congestion, improves trip reliability, and enhances existing and planned mobility and connectivity for other modes of travel, including transit. The study begins on I-495 south of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia, includes addressing the serious regional bottleneck at the American Legion Bridge and extends to west of MD 5. The study also includes I-270 from I-495 to I-370.

Since presenting the [preliminary range of alternatives](#) in July 2018, MDOT SHA completed an initial screening that reduced the preliminary alternatives to seven recommended screened alternatives. Public workshops are being held to present the traffic, environmental, and financial analyses for the [recommended screened alternatives](#), along with the recommendations for the alternatives to be retained for detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The upcoming April 2019 public workshops will give the public another opportunity to provide input to MDOT SHA, specifically on the alternatives to be retained for detailed study. In response to public feedback, MDOT SHA has added more public workshop dates and times, including opportunities for the public to meet on Saturdays in both Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The remaining four Public workshops will be held at the following locations and times in Montgomery and Prince George's counties:

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School
7601 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Thursday, April 25, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thomas Wootton High School
2100 Wootton Parkway
Rockville, MD 20850

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Eastern Middle School
300 University Blvd., East
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Saturday, April 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Suitland Community Center
5600 Regency Lane
Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746